

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTICIANS

Monday, March 7, 2022, at 9:00 AM
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT

CALL TO ORDER

- I. **Minutes**
Review and approval of the minutes from December 6, 2021.
- II. **DPH Updates**
Licensure Applications / Examinations / Investigations
- III. **OPEN FORUM**
Proposed Optical Shop Legislation

ADJOURN

Board of Examiners for Opticians via Microsoft Teams

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The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians** was held on **December 6, 2021**.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jenney Rivard, L.O Alden Mead, JD, Public Member
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
ALSO PRESENT:	Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, DPH Judith Bailey, DPH, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. Participants were present via Microsoft Teams.

I. Minutes

The minutes from the September 20, 2021 meeting were approved as edited on a motion by Ms. Rivard, seconded by Mr. Mead.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

Judith Bailey, Department of Public Health reported that two new licensure applications are pending review.

Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, DPH Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section reported there are still seven licensure applications pending that were received prior to August 1, 2021.

The Board expressed its concern about the length of time applications are pending

Mr. Carragher explained most pending applications are awaiting the submission of documentation for the determination of licensure eligibility

Skip Rivard on behalf the Connecticut Opticians Association commented that applications that are pending for a lengthy period of time and should be rejected by the Department.

III. Practical Examination

The Board asked that a practical examination be scheduled for June 2022. The application deadline for this examination will be May 1, 2022

IV. Continuing Education

Mr. Carragher reported that continuing education requirements are still suspended due to COVID policies

V. Meeting Dates for 2022

The following are the meeting dates for 2022.

March 7, 2022

June 6, 2022

September 12, 2022

December 5, 2022

All meetings will be scheduled for 8:30 a.m.

VI. Other Discussion

Ms. Rivard inquired about a recent matter involving an optical establish that was penalized due to insurance fraud.

The Department did not have any information to offer.

VII. Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenney Rivard, LO
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians